11. Consideration of transfer requests at Bank's discretion on extreme compassionate grounds.

Syndicate Bank has reported that its transfer policy does not envisage for continuous stay for ten years in a State. The bank has further reported that while no officer in Manipal Branch is continuously staying for more than five years, at their Head Office 49 officers continue to work for periods exceeding five years at a stretch because of administrative exigencies. Their retention is however, reviewed periodically by the bank.

Enforcement of Legal Service Authorities Act

2384. SHRI RAJNATH SINGH:
SHRIMATI MALTI SHARMA:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the current position of enforcement of Legal Service Authorities Act, which is very important instrument to help poor and needy people in getting legal redressal; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF LEGAL AFFAIRS, LEGISLATIVE DEPARTMENT AND DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE (SHRI RAMAKANT D. KHALAP): (a) and (b) The Legal Services Authorities Act, 1987 (excepting Chapter III) has been brought into force w.e.f. 9th November, 1995. The provisions of Chapter III of the Act have so far been extended to the following 12 States from the dates shown against each:-

S. No.	Name of the State	Date from which the provisions of Chapter III have been extended.
1.	Sikkim	9.11.1995
2.	Rajasthan	20.11.1995
3.	Himachal Pradesh	22.11.1995
4.	Andhra Pradesh	28.11.1995
5.	National Capital Territory of Delhi	14.2.1996
6.	Punjab	4.3.1996
7.	Haryana	3.4.1996
8.	Orissa	15.5.1996
9.	West Bengal	1.7.1996
10.	Uttar Pradesh	5.7.1996
11.	Manipur	12.7.1996
12.	Madhya Pradesh	21.8.1996

The provisions of Chapter III of the Act are likely to be extended to the State of Bihar soon. The remaining State Governments are being persuaded vigorously to frame and publish the State Legal Services Authority Rules in the State Gazette so that the provisions of the Chapter III of the Act could also be extended to these States.

बैंकों में धोखाधड़ी के मामले

2385. **श्री अजीत जोगी:** क्या **वित्त मंत्री** 23 जुलाई, 1996 को राज्य सभा में अतारांकित प्रश्न संख्या 912 के दिए गये उत्तर को देखेंगे और यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) 1996-97 के दौरान सरकारी-क्षेत्र के प्रत्येक बैंक और विदेशी बैंक में धोखाधड़ी के कितने मामलों का पता चला है और इन मामलों में बैंक-वार कितनी-कितनी राशि अन्तर्ग्रस्त है; और

(ख) धोखाधड़ी के कितने मामलों में अब तक जांच की जा चुकी है और उस जांच के क्या परिणाम निकले हैं?

वित्त मंत्री (श्री पी० चिदम्बरम): (क) और (ख) सूचना एकत्र की जा रही है और सभा पटल पर रख दी जाएगी।

Integrated development of Tourism Sector

2386. SHRI GOVINDRAO ADIK: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have undertaken any study for integrated development of tourism sector on the pattern of Brazil, Mexico, Thailand, Signapore etc. so as to aim at 10 million tourists by 2000 against a target of 5 million;

(b) if so, the details thereof indicating therein the increased funds required, ways for raising this amount, foreign exchange earnings and increased employment potential etc.;

(c) whether in order to achieve this target the support of State Governments and private enterprises will be obtained; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRI SRIKANTA JENA): (a) to (d) The Department of Tourism has prepared a draft Strategy Paper for the development of tourism which is to be examined by the Government. The Strategy Paper has projected an investment of Rs. 31350 crores jointly by the Central Government, State Governments and the private sector with a view to increase foreign exchange earnings and direct employment in the tourism sector.

Revamping of Insurance Sector

2387. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM:
SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 1624 given in the Rajya Sabha on 30th July, 1996 and state:

(a) whether Government propose to revamp the insurance sector in the country; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) and (b) The interim Insurance Regulatory Authority which was set up by the Government as a first step towards reforms in the insurance sector, has been entrusted, subject to the overall directions and guidelines of the Government, with the task of dealing with all matters relating to promotion and orderly growth of the insurance market and propose comprehensive legislation for this purpose.

Partial Privatisation of Life Insurance Sector

2388. SHRI SHIV CHARAN SINGH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are moving towards partial privatisation of life insurance sector in India;

(b) if so, details of the steps taken in this direction?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) and (b) Under the existing law, insurance business, both life and general, is the exclusive privilege of Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC); General Insurance Corporation of India (GIC); and its four subsidiaries. The Common Minimum Programme (CMP) of the Government envisages restructuring the insurance industry in the light of the experience gained in the working of the banking sector. The interim Insurance Regulatory Authority (IRA) set up by the Government, has been entrusted with the task of proposing comprehensive legislation relating to promotion and orderly growth of insurance market subject to the overall directions and guidelines of the Government.

Profitability of Indian Airlines

2389. DR. D. VENKATESHWAR RAO: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether country's national carrier, Indian Airlines which incurred loss of Rs. 685 crores is expected to make an operating profit;

(b) if so, whether granting of fourteen A-320 aircraft and merger of Vayudoot with the Indian Airlines resulted in an accumulated loss of Rs. 685 crores;

(c) if so, the extent the profits earned during the financial year;

(d) whether efforts will be made by Air India to improve further its profits in the next two years; and

(e) if so, what steps are being taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The grounding of A-320 aircraft and merger of Vayudoot has accounted for a loss of Rs. 197 crores and Rs. 50 crores respectively;

(c) Indian Airlines is expected to incur a Net Loss of Rs. 134.25 crores and operating profit of Rs. 114.35 crores during the financial year 1995-96.

(d) and (e) Steps have been taken by Air India to improve its product, image and on time